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TO: Massachusetts Non-Resident Firearms Licensees
FR: Michaela Dunne, Manager of Law Enforcement & Justice Services
RE: Changes to the Application Procedure for Non-Resident Temporary Licenses to Carry Firearms and Resident Alien Permits to Possess Non-Large Capacity Rifles and Shotguns
DT: October 1, 2016

Effective January 1, 2017, the Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS) Firearms Records Bureau (FRB) will implement a procedural change to the current non-resident firearms licensing process.

Specifically, an in-person appearance at the FRB office in Chelsea, MA will only be required every six years. **You will still need to renew your license annually**, however these subsequent applications will be processed solely by mail until the next required in-person appearance.

For all **renewal** applications received in 2017, the next in-person appearance will be as follows:

If your birthday falls between:	You will next appear in-person in:
January 1 and April 30	2020 and every six years thereafter
May 1 and August 31	2021 and every six years thereafter
September 1 and December 31	2022 and every six years thereafter

For all **new** applications received in 2017 or after, you will be required to appear in-person for your initial application appointment and then every six years thereafter. **You will still need to renew your license annually through the mail.**

Please call the Firearms Records Bureau at 617.660.4782 with any questions.

